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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2003, now due to expire October 23, 2003, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on January 23, 2004. Please charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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